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WILCOX KEEPS STATE TITLE

Makes Cleanup in Races Saturday; Crowd of 3000 Present

ACCIDENTS NUMEROUS

Winning every race he started in, Bob Wilcox, state open champion Ford driver, cleaned up everything before him, at the races Saturday at the Fair grounds before a crowd numbering nearly 3000.

Featured by exceptionally good speed, several accidents, and some close contests, the races Saturday maintained the interest of the crowd and gave the races in Owosso another good boost. Although in few of the contests were there more than two contestants who were at all close together, the two leading cars in all of them managed to keep close enough together to make the race interesting. Of the drivers present, only about three showed real speed and class, however, and only when Wilcox stayed out did the other racers have a chance except in the case of the championship Ford race. Then Bob and Heubner fought over every inch of the course, alternating in the lead and only in the last lap at the time when Heubner went into the fence with a broken axle was Bob far enough ahead to assure him of the race.

The races had not gotten under way, when Everett of Flushing gave the fans a thrill by going through the fence on the west end of the track. His car was damaged so badly that he could not start again but he was unhurt.

In the time trials, Wilcox made the best time negotiating the half mile in 36 seconds. Heubner of Saginaw was second, in 36 3-5 seconds; Long, Saginaw, third, in 36 4-5 seconds; and Ireland of Standish, fourth, in 37 1-5 seconds.

In the first Ford elimination of three miles, Heubner won, in 3:55 minutes with Hicks of Lansing second. Long of Saginaw held second until on the third lap, he threw a tire and went through the fence.

Wilcox was first in the second elimination, in 3:54 minutes. Ireland finished second.

The Ford seven mile event followed, Wilcox winning in 8:25 minutes with Hicks second. Ireland had to quit in the fifth lap because of an accident to his car, and Heubner, in the 11th lap, broke a rocker arm in his car slowing him up, but he continued until the breaking of his rear axle on the final stretch.

In the first elimination of the free-for-all, Wilcox won in 3:58 minutes, with Coy of this city, driving Throop's car, second. In the second elimination, Long of Saginaw, finished ahead, in 3:58 minutes. Phelps of Bay City was second.

Wilcox made it a perfect day by winning this event, the final, of seven miles in 8:45 minutes with Long second. Coy's car skidded, turning clear around and hitting Phelps, putting both cars out of the races.

AGED PERRY TOWNSHIP PIONEER TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Mary Ann Kern, aged 84, one of Perry township's pioneer residents passed away very suddenly from apoplexy Sunday night at 9:30. The funeral was held Wednesday from the home, Rev. J. D. Young of Milford officiating. Mrs. Kern was one of Perry's most prominent young ladies, was a life-long member of the M. E. church, also was associated with the O. E. S. and Rebekah orders the latter of which she was chaplain.

Mrs. Kern sustained a slight stroke of paralysis in January this year, from which she never fully recovered.

WARD-DOWLING

Miss Helen Dowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dowling, and Wellington Ward, Jr., both of this city, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at the Catholic rectory, in the presence of their immediate families.

Mrs. Ward attended the St. Paul's school in Owosso and has lived here all of her life. Mr. Ward is a graduate of the Owosso high school and has just completed his third year at the Michigan Agricultural College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward left Saturday evening for Detroit and will later take a motor trip to Florida.

City Clerk to Handle All Water Collections

The collection of the city water bills was formally turned over to City Clerk Lucas by Commissioner Rosevear Monday night in a letter which he gave to the clerk and read in the commission meeting. Mrs. Mary K. Dummond, who collects the water bills for the city will now be responsible to the clerk, it was stated.

The commission, at the meeting, instructed City Attorney Pond to take up the matter of a reduced rate for gas, with the Public Utilities commission of the state. The members feel, they stated, that as prices of other commodities have come down to a considerable extent, that the price of gas should take some drop from the present price of \$1.85 per thousand cubic feet, with a 10 percent reduction for immediate payment of the bill.

DESPONDENT OVER HEALTH; SUICIDES

KARL RENGGER, 36, TAKES CARBOLIC ACID

Karl Renger, 36, an Owosso workingman, died Friday night on the way to Memorial hospital after taking a dose of carbolic acid.

Friends of Renger say that he had been despondent for some time and that his inability to earn a living, as he was hopelessly crippled, had preyed on his mind for a long time. He had repeatedly told his family that they would be better off without him and it is believed, his action was just the culmination of a long period of constantly increasing despondency.

Renger was married and had two children, one four years and the other three months old. The family lived at 910 Milwaukee street and have been in Owosso for five years. Renger's mother lives in Austria, while his father is dead.

The funeral services were held from the Jennings and Son chapel Monday morning.

Corunna Workman Suffers Broken Neck, Still Lives

Rudolph Koyen, 35, a Hungarian living southeast of Corunna, suffered a broken neck Saturday in an accident during the unloading of gravel for the pavement between Owosso and Corunna. He still lives, and, with his neck in a special plaster cast, it is expected he will recover.

A large clamshell bucket used on the steamshovel fell on him when the cable broke. He sustained a bad scalp wound and the nerves of his spinal cord were injured.

BLAIR-BURGESS

Miss Daisy Blair and Wallace E. Burgess, both of Owosso, were married at the Baptist parsonage, Corunna, Saturday evening, Aug. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bigger, West Main street.

LOCAL NEWS

With the expiration of the time for the payment of taxes without an added penalty, Ira G. Curry, city treasurer, has announced that approximately \$140,000 out of \$180,000 on the rolls, had been collected. This is virtually the same percentage as was collected last year up to the expiration of the fixed time.

The annual rally and picnic of the Shiawassee County Law Enforcement league, will be held at McCurdy park on Thursday, August 25, it is announced. While it is realized that this will be a bad date for such an event, owing to the fact that it will be the big day at the county fair, this was not noticed until the speakers had been notified and it was too late to change.

Mrs. Virginia Wainwright, who, it is alleged, mulcted Owosso merchants out of several hundred dollars last spring, through the medium of worthless checks, is to face rearrest when she completes her term of from six months to one year, which she is now serving in the Detroit house of correction. L. H. Christian of the D. M. Christian Co. this morning swore to a complaint against her.

A large straw stack on the farm of William Hines was destroyed by fire, a threshing outfit belonging to Cap. Middleton and George Lyon, was scorched and Burr Eveleveth was burned about the face, Friday, when a spark started the stack on fire.

TWO HELD AFTER GARAGE BURNING

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD TODAY

As a result of the burning of the tool house and garage on the farm of John Cunningham, near Maple River, last Thursday night, two young men, Walter Burge and Orville Woodman of Owosso, are held in Corunna, for examination, which was to take place today. It is expected that, as they have settled for the garage they were charged with burning, that they will be freed with a warning and put on probation for a year.

The two young men together had purchased the car in Durand and had called the night of the burning of the barn at the home of Oscar Woodman and taken Mr. Woodman, Mrs. Woodman, their son and daughter for a ride. They had driven for some time and when near the Cunningham farm found they were out of gasoline. After failing to get any at one house they went to the Cunningham place, and making their way to the garage they found the gasoline tank and were drawing some when one of them lighted a match, igniting the gasoline which soon had the whole building in a mass of flames.

Discovery of the fire by three boys going by, was made soon after, but the garage was too far gone to save and the combined attentions of the neighbors were required to save the main barn which was constantly endangered by sparks.

Lack of Business Causes Second Creamery Shutdown

For the second time in a few months, the Detroit Creamery's plant here has been forced to shut down on account of slack business conditions. The second closing, last Friday was caused, Lenius Hook, the manager, stated, by a slack market for condensed milk and lack of storage space to put any products which they might make over the market. The company now has 25 carloads of condensed milk which it cannot dispose of, Mr. Hook said.

The loss of this market will be a severe blow to the farmers of the vicinity who have been selling their milk to the creamery and the problem of what to do with the milk they will have on their hands is a serious one. Many expect to return to making dairy butter, while others will separate their cream, and use the milk for hogs and calves, it is expected.

Chloroform Causes Death of Former Corunna Man

Mr. and Mrs. James Kincaid of Corunna, received word last Thursday that their son, Frank Kincaid, 28 years of age, was found dead in his room in that city. Mr. Kincaid's room-mate believes that the death was purely accidental. Mr. Kincaid had been suffering with a toothache for a long time, and when taking chloroform to relieve the pain is believed to have taken an overdose.

The body was brought to Owosso Saturday morning for burial.

Mr. Kincaid was born in Corunna, April 14, 1893, where he lived until he went to Detroit seven years ago. He spent a year in the army during the war as a member of the aviation service, being stationed at Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Waco, Texas. At the time of his death, Mr. Kincaid was connected with the Detroit Chemical Co.

BENNETT-BOSWELL

Miss Helen Boswell and John Barnett, both of Owosso, were married at the M. E. parsonage at Alma last Thursday by the Rev. Duffey.

Daughter of Former Resident Dead

Miss Katherine, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Roth, formerly of Owosso, died Tuesday morning at the family home in San Gabriel, Cal. Miss Roth, who was 18 years of age, last Sunday suffered an attack of influenza during the severe epidemic two years ago, and never fully recovered, tuberculosis developing. She seemed to be improving and was able to take occasional drives, and her death was unexpected.

Miss Roth, who was a beautiful young woman, was born in this city, removing to California with her parents eleven years ago. She would have graduated from high school this year had it not been for her ill health. Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Lawrence and Robert. The sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved family.

Fire Damages Office of Dr. B. S. Sutherland

Fire, Monday night, caused a damage estimated at several hundreds of dollars to the office of Dr. B. S. Sutherland, in the Miner building. The flames were discovered by George Denyes, assistant chief of police, when he heard a slight explosion from where he stood in front of the city hall, and looking toward the building, saw flames pouring out of the window.

Firemen were on the scene immediately and fire extinguishers put out the blaze in a short time, but not before instruments and equipment had been severely damaged. The firemen obtained access to the office by means of the fire escape in the alley.

Dr. Sutherland is absent in Milwaukee, attending a dentists' convention, and it is believed that a man, employed by the doctor to take care of the office in his absence, forgot to turn out a small heater used in the office, before he left, and the fire was caused by this flame.

OWOSSO WINS BEST GAME OF YEAR, 5-4

BEATS ST. CHARLES IN TIGHT GAME

In what was called the best game of the season, Owosso defeated the fast St. Charles team yesterday by the close score of 5 to 4, with the score running close enough throughout the game to keep interest at the highest point it has been this year.

The St. Charles team came here a trifle underestimated as a ball team and the overconfident crowd which witnessed the game was surprised to find it had come to see a real ball game instead of a walk away. Good pitching and tight fielding on both sides kept the scores down and the keenest kind of competition on both sides made the game stand out as a clean cut contest between almost equal teams.

Last week end's game was another victory for the Owosso boys when they defeated the colored team from Lansing by a score of 11 to 3. Owosso outclassed the visitors in every department of the game, although they came here with the reputation of being a fast and winning team all through the season.

Stockbridge, which meant defeat here a short time ago, for the first time in three years, is to come again for tomorrow's game, while Fowlerville will offer the opposition for the local boys on Sunday.

Mrs. Lulu Reiff Dies After Illness of Eight Weeks

Mrs. Lulu Reiff, wife of J. D. Reiff, died yesterday morning at the family home, 315 North Park street. Mrs. Reiff had been ill for the past eight weeks with a complication of diseases, and although there was a marked improvement in her condition only a short time ago, she suffered a relapse and rapidly sank to her death.

Funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dunning Idle of the First M. E. Church officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Hill.

Lula M. McIntosh was born on July 21, 1885, at Barford, Ont., and moved with her parents when a girl to Flint. She remained in that city until her marriage in March, 1893, to Dr. G. B. Hiller of Owosso. They came to this city to reside, and she had made her home here since. Dr. Hiller died 12 years ago, and in 1913 Mrs. Hiller was united in marriage to Mr. Reiff. She is survived by Mr. Reiff, two brothers, James B. McIntosh of this city, and George D. McIntosh of Escanaba, and two step sons, Fred Reiff of Menominee and Leo Reiff of Detroit.

MRS. GEO. ELWELL DIES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

After a week's illness with infantile paralysis, Mrs. Inah Elwell, 21, wife of George Elwell, died Tuesday at the family home, 604 Broadway. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the home.

Mrs. Elwell was born in Elsie and had lived in Owosso for the past seven years. She is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Niles Countryman, and two sisters, Mrs. Florence Dutton and Miss Clara Countryman.

Silva Nechvel, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nechvel died Monday morning. Burial took place in Oak Hill cemetery.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR BEGINS TUESDAY, CONTINUING FOUR DAYS

Nurses Clear \$350 at Carnival and Concert

After a highly successful evening of dancing and a well attended band concert, the nurses of Memorial Hospital last Friday night found that they had cleared about \$350 from their benefit for the nurses home.

A large crowd attended the benefit and the sale of candy, tags, ice cream, and the attendance at the dance made the evening a profitable one for the nurses. Expenses of the carnival were mostly covered by the donations of candy, ice cream and other articles by local merchants. The Armory was also turned over to the nurses free of charge for the evening, as the threatening weather made Hospital park seem unsafe.

STEERE CO. MAKES LARGEST MACHINE

IS GREATEST OF KIND IN EXISTENCE

The largest machine in existence for the purpose of turning wood rock joints on large gas mains, has been built and installed at the Steere Engineering company's shops in Owosso. The machine is not a new invention, officials state, but it is built on the order of other machines used for the same purpose but it will handle a larger joint and is greater in size than any other yet built, they say.

The machine will be capable of flanging tubes three feet in diameter weighing five tons when suspended. The weight of the machine itself is approximately 15 tons and its value more than \$20,000.

The designing of the machine was done at the Detroit factory of the Steere company and the designs were then sent here to be built in the local factory by the regular mechanics, under the direction of the designers.

Officials of the Steere company report that their company is fast getting back to normal business conditions and that the volume of their contracts is steadily increasing. The Owosso plant is working on a contract for equipment for a condensing and gas cooling system for the city of Havana, Cuba, which will be worth \$50,000 when completed.

Canned Food Company Starts Work Thursday

The Canned Food Co. started its new plant on Cornum avenue, Thursday, employing 80 persons. It is probable two shifts will be used for a while and the plant operated night and day. The canning of the corn crop will take four or five weeks.

Suicides Show No Increase in Michigan, Says State

Lansing, Aug. 18.—While suicides do not show as morbid an increase in Michigan as in several states, the number of deaths from this cause is still alarmingly high, according to reports for the first six months of 1921 received by the division of vital statistics of the state department of health.

Suicidal deaths totaled 215 from January 1 to July 1, giving Michigan a death rate from this cause, of 11.3 per 100,000 population, a rate higher than the typhoid fever death rate. Of this number, 166 were males and 49 females; 122 were married, 47 were single, and the remainder widowed or divorced.

Firearms led all causes of suicide with 60 deaths, 56 of which were males and 4 females; poison claimed 49 deaths, 32 men and 17 women; strangulation 47 deaths, 39 men and 8 women; instruments 23 deaths, 17 men and 6 women; drowning 16 deaths, 11 men and 5 women; asphyxia 13 deaths, 6 men and 7 women; and other means 7 deaths.

Forty-three years was the average age of those committing suicide, though in reality comparatively few persons in this age group were included, the preponderance of individuals being either considerably younger or older than 43 years. Statisticians of the division estimate that Michigan lost the equivalent of 2,000 years of one person's productive labor through suicides during the first half of the present year.

J. Edwin Ellis leaves Saturday morning for Otego Lake for a stay of two weeks.

Exhibits, Shows and Races Expected to Excel Other Years

AUTO RACES PLANNED

Beginning next Tuesday the Shiawassee County Fair will continue for four days as the biggest and most elaborate fair ever put on here, the officers of the Fair association announce. Horse races, automobile races, nightly exhibitions of fireworks, free shows, the regular carnival attractions and all the exhibits from the county and exhibitors from the county and exhibitors from other states are all planned to excel those of any other Fair Shiawassee has yet seen.

Exhibits from the farmers are being entered in a greater quantity and earlier than usual, the Fair management says and concerns and individuals are making entries of things that have never before been showed. One of the first entries came from Idaho, of farm products, and some unusual displays of work are promised from Jackson prison by the warden.

Display room in the Floral hall is completely gone and the waiting list for space is constantly growing, while the room in the cattle building is slowly being taken. Poultry exhibitions show signs of exceeding the rather limited number of last year by considerable amount, the head of the department announces.

Four page fair heralds for Saginaw, Flint, Lansing, St. Johns, Owosso and other cities have been circulated to the amount of 10,000.

The display of fireworks for this year will be considerably more elaborate than last year, according to the contract between the Fair management and the Thearle-Duffels Fire Works company of Chicago. This company handled the displays for the fair last year in such a way that the enthusiasm of the crowds convinced the management that they were one of the attractions to be continued. The company which is doing the work here is one of the big concerns of its kind in the country and just recently secured the order for a \$50,000 display at the Pageant of Progress Exposition at Chicago this year.

Attractions on the free list are not to be restricted to the fireworks displays but there are also to be several hundred dollars worth of free acrobatic acts, stunt performances and a band has been hired for the whole time of the fair. The popular acrobatic acts of last year before the grand stand between races are to be repeated this year.

Horse races for the fair this year are to cover three days as usual but in addition this year, there will be automobile races on Saturday, for which the program has not yet been announced.

The Michigan Short Ship Circuit ponies this year have been doing work that has at many places approached that of the Grand Circuit. They have negotiated the mile in better than 2:10 at several times and this time is good on any circuit half mile track. The special train carrying the horses is in charge of John Carmody of Port Huron who has handled it for some time, and also the name of the program, J. J. O'Brien, also of Port Huron, is familiar for he has handled the programs since the innovation of the fair here, eight years ago.

Several familiar faces among the drivers and jockeys are also promised by the management and real competition is assured when they get on the track.

The program of the horse races is as follows:

Tuesday, August 23rd	
2:30 trot or pace	\$200.00
Run, 1/2 mile, for 2 yr. olds	150.00
Wednesday, August 24th	
2:14 pace	\$400.00
2:24 trot	200.00
Run, 1/2 mile, all ages	150.00
Thursday, August 25th	
2:18 pace	\$400.00
2:19 trot	400.00
Run, 1/2 mile, 2 yr. olds	150.00
Friday, August 26th	
Free for all	\$400.00
2:24 pace	400.00
Run, 1/2 mile, all ages	150.00

Eugene Prendergast has left for Beulah where he will play the piano in Dingler's orchestra. Iray Zimmerman started this week as leader of the orchestra.